ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಿ. ಪೂಜಾರ್.—ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಮಾಮಲೇದಾರರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಎಂ. ಪೂಣಚ್ಚ.—ಪಡೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಿ. ಪೂಜಾರ್.—ನಾನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತಂದಿರುವ ಸಂಗತಿಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಎಂ. ಪೂಣಚ್ಚ.—ಈ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ತನಿಖೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಿ. ಪೂಜಾರ್.—ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ತಡೆಯಬೇಕು . . . . .

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಈಗ ತಡೆಯಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಚೇಂಬರಿಗೆ ನದಸ್ಯರು ಹೋಗಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಅವಕಾಶವಿದೆ. ಆದಕಾರಣ ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ತಡೆಹಿಡಿದು ಸಭೆಯ ಕಾಲವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಿ. ಪೂಜಾರ್.—ಆಗಬಹುದು.

Bombay Tenancy and Agricultural Lands Act (Meeting of Legislators held at Dharwar to discuss provisions.

Q.—73. B. P. KADAM (Ankola-Karwar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Minister for Revenue has convened at Dharwar on the 17th and 18th of November 1956 a meeting of the legislators from Bijapur, Belgaum, Dharwar and Kanara Districts to discuss the provisions of the Bombay Tenancy and Agricultural Lands Act, 1948 (as amended up-to-date) ;

(*b*) if so, what was the specific purpose of the meeting ;

(*c*) whether a report has been made to Government in this behalf ;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) above is in affirmative, whether a copy of the report will be placed on the Table of the House ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Education) [ON BEHALF OF SRI M. P. PATIL (Minister for Revenue)].—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) To ascertain the opinion of the Legislators of the Bombay area regarding the Bombay Tenancy and Agricultural Lands Act, 1948 as amended by Bombay Act No. 13 of 1956.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*c*).

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Had the Hon'ble Minister prepared certain note for his own guidance ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I believe, he might have noted down certain points. My friend Sri Patil had to go to Delhi on some urgent work. If the Hon'ble Member wants any other information, I would submit to him.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Then the question may be held over, Sir.

Opening of fair price shops by Government.

Q.—130. Sri K. P. GADAG (Gadag).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many foodgrain fair price shops were opened in Dharwar District during the last four months from August to November 1956 ;

(*b*) what are the names of the towns or places wherein such foodgrains fair price shops are opened and by whom they are run ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that no co-operative societies or individuals came forth to open these shops, in spite of earnest efforts of the local officers ;

(*d*) if so, why they did not come forth to open these fair price shops ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that rice bags despatched from Government stored stations are found torn and some bags less in weight ;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that the weight of the gunny is included in the weight of the rice bag ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Education) [on behalf of SRI M. P. PATIL (Minister for Revenue)].—

(*a*) Two agencies were distributing Burma rice.

(*b*) (i) The Co-operative Cotton Sale Society at Nargund.

(ii) Sri V. K. Kustagi, Trader at Gadag.

(*c*) Yes.

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(*d*) There was no demand for Burma rice from the public.

(*e*) No, but there was some shortage of rice.

(*f*) No.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—Are the Government aware of the fact that cheap grain shops opened by the public of Gadag are incurring loss ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I saw one such depot.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—May I know whether the rice that is supplied now is other than Burma rice ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The reply itself is about Burma rice.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—I am not very particular about the Burma rice. May I know whether the rice that is now supplied is other than the Burma rice in Gadag Town ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I do not know the latest position ; but some time back only Burma rice was supplied to the depots.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—Are the Government aware of the fact that the rice now supplied by the Government is in good demand ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Yes, Sir.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—Are the Government aware of a fact that a person who had opened a fair price shop at Gadag has now closed ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I want notice.

Mr. SPEAKER.—So far as this question is concerned, I intend to draw the attention of the Minister for clarification and, if I am right, the necessary corrections may be made. The aim of the question is :—

(*a*) "how many foodgrain fair price shops were opened in Dharwar District ?"

The answer is :—

"Two agencies are distributing Burma Rice." When information about the shops is being asked, the answer given is "two agencies". Two agencies might have opened some shops. That point may be clarified. It may be two agencies for the whole district. But the agencies might have opened many more shops.

And again for the question in (*b*).—

"(*b*) what are the names of the town or places wherein such foodgrains fair price shops are opened and by whom they are run ;"

in the answer, two names of the agencies are given. But I suppose these are opened, one at Gadag and the other at Nargund. That is what I understand.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—These are the two concerns that have undertaken the distribition of grains, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—But I understand that the Co-operative Society has opened a shop at Nargund and another at Gadag.

Cashewnut Cultivation (South Kanara)

Q.—19. Sri VAIKUNTA BALIGA (Pane-Mangalore).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the acreage in South Kanara under cashewnut cultivation ;

(*b*) whether there is scope for stepping up cashewnut production in South Kanara District or any other district in the State ;

(*c*) the steps they propose to take to help in this direction ?

A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Agriculture):—

(*a*)		*Acres.*
(1) Mangalore Taluk	...	1,075
(2) Coondapur	...	71
(3) Udipi	...	41
(4) Karkal	...	167
(5) Puttur	...	2,552
(6) Belthangady	...	1,622
Total	...	5,528

(*b*) There is much scope for stepping up cashewnut production in South Kanara, as there are over a lakh of acres of Government waste lands which can be brought under casbew cultivation. Cashew thrives well in South Kanara District under varied soil conditions, especially in parts of pure sandy soil along the coast. There